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The proposed reply, mailed 3/28/03, responsive to the prior Office action mailed 2/11/03 (restriction), has not been entered because Applicant did not elect a species for Parts B, C and D of said restriction requirement, as directed in the second to last paragraph of page 3 of the restriction requirement mailed 2/11/03.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE EXTENDABLE MONTH, from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amy M. DeCloux whose telephone number is 703 306-5821. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on 703 308-3973. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703 305-3014 for regular communications and 703 305-7401 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703 308-0196.

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